

Master Angler Awards

Patches are awarded to all entries meeting established minimum weights, or, in the case of Catch and Release, minimum lengths. However, no more than one patch per species will be awarded to each angler per year. Master Angler Certificates are awarded to anglers who catch State Record fish or one of the top 5 fish of each species in both the Catch and Keep and Catch and Release category.

To enter the Master Angler Program, complete an application form and send it to: Fisheries Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Box 30446, Lansing MI 48909. This information is required under the Authority of Part 487 of 1994 P.A. 451, as amended. Applications are available at all locations and on our Web site.

Minimum Entry Lengths/Weights and Current State Records

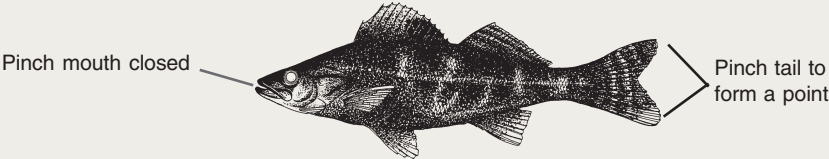
Catch and Release Entries must meet minimum length

Catch and Keep Entries must meet minimum weight

Species	Minimum Entry Length (inches)	Minimum Entry Weight (lbs. -oz.)	Current State Record (lbs. -oz.)	Species	Minimum Entry Length (inches)	Minimum Entry Weight (lbs. -oz.)	Current State Record (lbs. -oz.)
American Eel	32"	3-0	7-7	Musky, Tiger	42"	20-0	51-3
Bass, Largemouth	22"	6-0	11-15	Northern Pike	40"	18-0	39-0
Bass, Rock	11"	1-0	3-10	Perch, White	10"	0-8	1-14
Bass, Smallmouth	21"	5-0	9-4	Perch, Yellow	14"	1-13	3-12
Bass, Warmouth	9"	1-0	1-6	Salmon, Atlantic	33"	12-0	32-10
Bass, White	16"	2-0	6-7	Salmon, Chinook	41"	27-0	46-1
Bluegill	10"	1-0	2-12	Salmon, Coho	32"	12-0	30-9
Buffalo, Big Mouth	32"	20-0	----	Salmon, Pink	21"	3-0	8-9
Buffalo, Black	26"	10-0	33-4	Smelt***	10"	None	12"
Bullhead, Black	14"	1-4	3-7	Splake	25"	6-0	17-8
Bullhead, Brown	14"	1-8	3-10	Sucker, Longnose	17"	2-0	6-14
Bullhead, Yellow	14"	1-8	3-9.6	Sucker, N. Hog	13"	1-8	2-8
Bowfin	27"	7-0	14-0	Sucker, Redhorse	22"	4-0	12-14.2
Burbot	26"	5-0	18-4	Sucker, White	20"	3-0	7-3
Carp	30"	20-0	61-8*	Sunfish, Green	9"	0-12	1-8
			45-0**	Sunfish, P.Seed	9"	0-12	1-5.6
Carp sucker	19"	3-0	8-0	Sunfish, Redear	10"	1-0	1-15.5
Catfish, Channel	27"	8-0	40-0	Trout, Brook	17"	2-0	9-8
Catfish, Flathead	29"	10-0	47-8	Trout, Brown	33"	16-0	34-10
Crappie, Black	14"	1-12	4-2	Trout, Lake	34"	18-0	61-8
Crappie, White	14"	1-12	3-6	Trout, Rainbow			
Freshwater Drum	21"	7-0	26-0	(Steelhead)	34"	17-0	26-8
Gizzard Shad	16"	1-8	4-2	Walleye	29"	11-0	17-3
Lake Herring	16"	2-8	5-6	Whitefish, Lake	23"	6-0	14-4.5
Lake Sturgeon	50"	70-0	193-0	Menominee	15"	1-0	4-0
Longnose Gar	32"	5-0	18-0				
Musky, Great Lks.	42"	20-0	48-0				
Musky, Northern	42"	20-0	49-12				

*State Record Carp; **Largest hook and line caught Carp; ***The minimum entry requirement for Smelt is 10" for both catch and keep and catch and release entries. The Smelt State Record is by length rather than weight.

Length Measurement Directions: Measure fish from tip of nose (or lower jaw) to tip of tail in a straight line (DO NOT measure in a curve around the body from nose to tail). Measure to the closest 1/8th inch. Tail and jaw should be pinched together.



Fish Consumption Advisory

The Michigan Department of Community Health advises women of childbearing age and children under 15 to use caution when eating certain kinds and sizes of fish from the Great Lakes and from some inland lakes and streams. Fish in these waters contain levels of toxic chemicals that may be harmful if those fish are eaten too often. The Michigan Fish Advisory, compiled by MDCH, shows you which fish are okay to eat and how often they can be eaten. To get information go to the MDCH Web site at: www.michigan.gov.